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Rep. Weller Named Chair of Policy Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Telecommunications, and Information Technology

WASHINGTON (Thursday, March 22, 2001)—House Policy Chairman Christopher Cox (R-Calif.) announced today that Rep. Jerry Weller (R-Ill.) would serve as chairman of the House Policy Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Telecommunications, and Information Technology in the 107th Congress.

“As a strong advocate for technology, particularly on the House Ways and Means Committee, Jerry’s experience on these issues that cross traditional jurisdictional boundaries will be crucial to Congress,” said House Speaker J. Dennis Hastert.

“With the establishment of the Technology Subcommittee,” Chairman Cox said, “Rep. Weller’s goals of expanding digital opportunity and reforming government tax and education policy to reflect new technology will be met sooner and more effectively. No one in the House is better qualified for this mission.”

“I am honored that Chairman Cox and the Speaker have selected me to head the Policy Committee’s Technology Subcommittee,” Rep. Weller said. “Technology and E-Commerce are changing the face of the global economy. I look forward to working with the Policy Committee to ensure that the Congress pursues the right high-tech policies that ensure America’s continued leadership in high tech and technology innovation.”

As the nationally known experts with whom the Policy Committee has worked formally and informally in recent years have moved into the Bush administration, the Policy Committee has responded by establishing a formal subcommittee structure to fulfill its mission as the policy-making arm of the House of Representatives. Chairman Cox announced Rep. Weller’s appointment at today’s weekly Policy Committee meeting.

The House Policy Committee is the Majority’s principal forum for discussion of specific legislative initiatives, for the enunciation of official priorities, and for the resolution of inter-jurisdictional policy disputes. More information on the Committee, including a list of its 46 Members, is available at <http://policy.house.gov>.